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COMMON POLICY ATTEMPTS.

FRAMING BRITAIN'S NOTE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 17.
It is understood that the British draft reply to Germany will be considered by the Cabinet tomorrow. It is not likely to reach the Allies before the week-end. It will be accompanied by a covering note expressing the Government's views why the German note merits an answer and what steps are believed necessary for a solution of the reparations problem.

In the meantime the Belgian Cabinet has discussed Mr. Stanley Baldwin's statement in connection with which a semi-official statement from Paris explains that M. Poincaré's speech at Senlis on Sunday should not be regarded as a reply, the Senlis speech having been written days before hand.

BRUSSELS, July 17.
The *Etoile Belge* says that the Belgian Government is very anxious for a collective reply to be sent to Germany.

PARIS, July 18.
Press opinion in the interval before receiving the British communication, which at first displayed a stiffening in favour of maintaining the Poincaré policy intact *coute que coute*, has been noticeably modified and now expresses a desire to reach a common understanding with Britain.

In the meantime Dr. Benes, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister who is now in Paris after his visit to London and is endeavouring to bring about Anglo-French rapprochement, has interviewed M. Poincaré.

[M. Poincaré in an important speech at Senlis directly replying to Mr. Stanley Baldwin's statement, declared that France wished to make the Treaty of Versailles respected. The chief question was France's security. The replacement of the Reparations Committee by an international financial committee was not in the interests of France.]

OPEN AGAIN.

HISTORIC WESTMINSTER HALL.

FAMOUS ROOF REPAIRED.

LONDON, July 17.
In the presence of a great throng, including Members of Parliament, diplomats, and representatives of the Empire, the king reopened Westminster Hall which has been closed for eight years for restoration of the famous roof.

The King, in a speech, pointed out that the dangers and defects had been made good with the least possible interference to the design or original roof. He trusted that centuries of new life had been given to this masterpiece of British architecture.

[Westminster Hall adjoining the Houses of Parliament was built as a Banqueting Hall by William Rufus, and many courtly festivals were held there in succeeding centuries. King John established the Law Courts there. It now forms a gigantic hall-way leading to the Houses of Parliament, but was once more used as a Banqueting Hall in August 1905, when the then Prime Minister, Mr. Arthur Balfour, entertained the officers of the French fleet there.]

DEFENCELESS.

WARNING TO AUSTRALIA.

PUBLIC LAXITY.

MELBOURNE, July 17.

The annual report of General Sir H. G. Chauvel, Inspector-General of Military Forces, presented in Parliament, is notably outspoken with regard to false ideas of the security of Commonwealth. He deplores the public's complacent acceptance of the drastic denuding of the defences, particularly in view of the fast diminishing value of ex-soldiers as a potential reserve. General Chauvel adds that it is impossible under the existing scheme to train an army to defend Australia.

FLIGHT TO JAVA.

DUTCH VENTURE.

AMSTERDAM, July 17.

A flight to Batavia, via Budapest, Constantinople, Aleppo, Basra, Benderabbas, Karachi, Allahabad, Calcutta, Rangoon, Bangkok, Medan, and Padang (about the middle of next April) is being planned by the airman Van der Hoop according to the *Telegraaf*.

A committee presided over by Sir Henri Deterding, Director-General of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., is organising the flight. Large subscriptions have already been received and Government support has been promised.

SURGICAL CONGRESS.

LONDON, July 17.

The international surgical Congress was opened by the Prince of Wales in London this morning. There were several hundred delegates, representing every part of the world.

EMPIRE WIRELESS.

EASTERN TELEGRAPH INTEREST.

LICENCE SOUGHT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 17.
In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, the Postmaster-General said that the Eastern Telegraph Company had applied for a licence to build a high-powered wireless station in England in connection with the Empire wireless chain.

The company will have the same chances of obtaining a licence as the Marconi Company, so far as the Government is concerned.

The question of corresponding stations in India or the Dominions will be for the governments concerned.

A site of 800 acres has been purchased near Rugby for a high-power wireless station to cost about £50,000.

FOLLOW BRITAIN.

ADVICE TO YOUNG CHINA.

LANGUAGE BOND.

LONDON, July 17.
Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, Chinese *Chargé d'Affaires* speaking at the Chinese students' conference, recalled that English was the first foreign language taught in Chinese public schools. He remarked that English is now the diplomatic language and he hoped it would become universal. He pointed out that China possessed greater openings for educated young people than any other country. The Chinese nation expected much from those educated in Britain, which was the most advanced in civilisation—constitutional in form and democratic in spirit. Britain was the right country for China to follow.

HOME COUNTY CRICKET.

YORKS WIN: NOTTS LOSE.

LONDON, July 17.
At Dewsbury, Yorkshire defeated Essex by 280 runs. Rhodes scored 102 in Yorkshire's second innings.

Gloucestershire, at Bristol, lost to Sussex by 48 runs. Sussex's first innings amounted to 206, Parker obtaining 7 wickets for 83. Their second innings closed at 147, Dennett taking 5 wickets for 30.

Hampshire, at Southampton, defeated Notts by four wickets. Whysall compiled 101 in Notts' second innings. Kennedy (Hants) took 5 wickets for 52 and 6 for 75.

(Notts, by their defeat, lose the lead they have hitherto enjoyed in the County Championship. Yorkshire, from 3rd place, now take the lead.)

At the Oval, Surrey led Lancashire on the first innings. Hobbs (Surrey) made 104 in the first innings and Tyldesley (E.) compiled 236 in Lancashire's second venture.

Worcestershire, at Northampton, led Northamptonshire on the first innings. Root obtained 5 wickets for 70 and 5 for 64, for Worcestershire.

SLUMP PASSING?

RUBBER STOCKS DOWN.

LONDON, July 18.

For the first time since December 18, 1920, the stocks of rubber in London last week fell below 50,000 tons, although too great a significance should not be attached to the reduction owing to recent over-purchasing by America who during the first six months of the year imported 100,000 tons.

It is not without importance, says the *Times*, as a measure of the improved intrinsic condition of the industry.

ALMOST READY.

NEAR EAST PEACE TREATY.

SIGNING DATE FIXED.

LAUSANNE, July 17.
A plenary sitting of the conference confirmed all the agreements reached between the Allies and the Turks and fixed July 24 for signing the peace treaty.

BRITAIN'S BISLEY SUCCESS.

LONDON, July 17.
At Bisley the Kolapore cup was won by the Mother Country with 1,129 points. Canada was second with 1,113; followed by India with 1,082, the Gold Coast with 1,006, and Guernsey with 968.

BRITISH SEAMEN.

DUNKIRK MEMORIAL.

DUNKIRK, July 17.
A war memorial dedicated to British seamen in the form of a merchant service club, seamen's institute and memorial chapel, situated on the Quay, has been opened here by Princess Alice.

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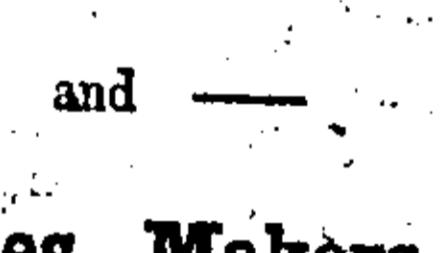
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 26th July to Wednesday, 8th August, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 10, 1923.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC are hereby informed that Queen's Road East between Arsenal Street and Wanchai Road will be closed to motor traffic from TUESDAY, 17th inst, until further notice.

P. P. J. WODEHOUSE,
Acting Captain Superintendent of Police
Hongkong, July 16, 1923.

NOTICE.

CHINA SEAS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

AS from the 23rd July, 1923, and until further notice two (2) junks will be employed in taking soundings and bringing in the Harbour on a line from Statue Pier to Holt's Wharf.

Each of the said junks will exhibit:-

By day—On the foremast a Red Ensign and 4 feet below a Black Ball 2 feet in diameter.

By night—On the foremast 2 Red Lights in a vertical line one over the other, 4 feet apart; and at the bow and also at the stern one White Light, each of the White Lights to be placed 6 feet above the gunwhale.

All vessels are warned to give these junks a safe berth and to proceed at slow speed when passing.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1923.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

With our public health laws openly declared obsolete, we always wait Sanitary Board meetings with some misgiving, never quite sure that we shall not hear something very unpleasant. Yesterday we were not disappointed, though it must be said at the outset that the fault this time lies not with the Public Health and Building Ordinance, but with our water supply. Ever vigilant, Dr. Koch had sought facts about typhoid—how many cases had there been this year and was it possible to trace the source of infection? The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. W. Pearce) went into details, which, boiled down in his own words, indicated that "we should have much less typhoid than we have got." After some adroit questioning, the Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer), naturally anxious for the Government's good name, established the fact that the epidemic was not due to any contamination of the water used in the Colony, otherwise our medical men would have expected the outbreak to have occurred with explosive force, to have involved many hundreds of persons and to have shown a very high incidence amongst the non-Chinese community, whereas the incidence on the non-Chinese has, however, not been greater than can be accounted for by the reaction of Chinese cases on non-Chinese. Unless Mr. Sayer was endeavouring to exonerate the Government completely, we think he would better have left well alone. Dr. Pearce had already stated very clearly that the infection was not caused by any contamination in the water, and labouring this point, Mr. Sayer only made the case against the Government the blacker. After remarking that the water here has "a high degree of initial purity," Dr. Pearce showed how it might become contaminated after delivery.

Chinese and Mexico.

Though it was very plainly hinted in the Summary Court yesterday that there were special pecuniary advantages in the shape of "squeeze" attached to the post, the job of the Consul for Mexico in Hongkong cannot have been altogether a bed of roses during the last year or two. The gentleman who held the post in 1921 found himself in a nasty tangle when his Government suddenly issued an order excluding Chinese several months before the treaty permitting Chinese immigration had expired. Under this order—an exception was made in favour of Chinese previously resident in Mexico and on the strength of this local shipping companies engaged in the Pacific trade granted passages to Chinese who were able to furnish satisfactory proof of previous residence. Hundreds of these people were on the water when a new order was issued prohibiting the entry of all Chinese except consular and diplomatic representatives. Some of the shipping companies had to bring several hundred passengers back at their own expense and the Mexican Government got very unpopular indeed. Judging from the somewhat unique action heard before Mr. Justice Gompertz yesterday it is still unwise for a Chinese with a stake in the country to come away from Mexico if he wants to go back there again.

Vaccination.

Regarding the vaccination campaign proposed by Dr. Pearce (the Medical Officer of Health) at yesterday's Sanitary Board meeting, it will not be out of place to mention a few facts which may not be known to the public, particularly the European section. No doubt, the campaign will mostly be among the Chinese lower classes, who have an entirely wrong conception of vaccination, its benefits and its necessity. This hostility is due directly to the lack of education and indirectly to the enthusiasm of some of the volunteers who carried out a campaign some years ago. Smallpox was rife that year and volunteers were called to help in the work of vaccinating as many people as possible. Most of the lower classes were, and still are, unwilling to be vaccinated as they consider it harmful and unnecessary. In the course of rounds, people in the streets were dragged to the stations posted at various places. Some of the volunteers even went to the extent of calling on big shops and godowns and rounding out workers who had not been vaccinated. As some of the volunteers were accompanied by district watchmen, an impression was created that the authorities had made vaccination imperative. People believed that they had to be vaccinated whether they wished to or not and considerable ill-feeling was engendered, some going to the extent of keeping indoors till the campaign was over. From the foregoing, it would seem desirable that educational propaganda should first be launched before the actual campaign commences. It should also be explained whether the people can exercise their own choice in the matter or not. That vaccination is effective and does no harm, to use Dr. Koch's words, should be brought home to every household.

To-day's Poem.

O well for him who lives at ease
With garnered gold in wide domain,
Nor heeds the plashing of the rain,
The crashing down of forest trees.
O well for him who ne'er hath
Known
The travail of the hungry years,
A father grey with grief and tears,
A mother weeping all alone.

But well for him whose feet hath
Trod
The weary road of toil and strife,
Yet from the sorrow of his life
Builds ladders to be nearer God.

OSCAR WILDE.

SHADOWS BEFORE.
Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS:

July 18.—Coronet Theatre; Irvin V. Willat in "Partners of the Tide." July 18.—World Theatre; Thomas Carrigan in "Checkers." July 18.—Star Theatre; Nicola, the World's Greatest Magician and Illusionist. July 18.—Band Night at the Peak Club at 9.30 p.m. July 21.—Star Theatre; The Great Nicola, 5 p.m. Matinee for children. July 21.—Band Concert, Volunteer parade ground, 9.15 p.m. PUBLIC AUCTIONS. July 20.—Lammet Bros., 107, the Peak, furniture, II a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Philatelists should be interested in the announcement made by our local stamp "merchants," Messrs. Grace & Co., of the consignment of Challenge stamp albums they have received.

A telegram to the *Daily Bulletin*, dated Peking July 16 states that the situation at Changsha is improving, and several Japanese residents are reported to be returning to their homes.

Invitations have been issued by Captain J. Riepenhausen on behalf of the owners, to inspect the "Sarpedon" on Monday August 6th, on the occasion of that vessel's first trip to the Far East.

Dr. W. W. Yen has returned to Peking from Peitaiho, and the Cabinet is trying to persuade him to become Chairman of the Financial Commission. It is not likely that he will consent before Wang Ko-min's return to Peking, according to a telegram to the *Daily Bulletin*.

A message to the *Daily Bulletin*, dated Peking July 17 reads: It is reported that the Government has ordered that the preparatory bureau of the National Mint at Shanghai be converted into a permanent organ, and has appointed Chu Yen-chi superintendent of the Mint.

In the Marine Court this morning, before Commander Buckwith R.N., ten Chinese fishermen were fined \$10 each for infringing Harbour Regulations. They were charged with "carrying incandescent lights on their boats in such a position to confuse navigation between the Nine-Pins and Tat Tong Channel" on July 17. Lance-Sergeant R. Keen proved the offences.

As will be seen from our advertisement columns the Harbour Authorities give notice that from the 23rd inst. two junks will be employed in taking soundings and borings in the Harbour on a line from Statue Pier to Holt's wharf. Indications are given whereby the junks can be distinguished either by night or day, and vessels are warned to give these junks a safe berth and to proceed at slow speed when passing.

The local *Tai Kwong Po* says that a number of leading Chinese residents have called on Hon. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Colonial Secretary, who is said to have announced that in deference to the wishes of the Chinese community, the proposal to install water meters in the rider-main districts will be withdrawn. Mr. Fletcher is also quoted as saying that he agreed with the statements in the letter written by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on the subject.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL:

Sir Charles Eliot, H. B. M. Ambassador to Japan, who has been in England on leave, sailed for the East on July 9.

Mr. Yoshizawa, the newly appointed Japanese Minister to China, was expected to arrive in Peking on Tuesday evening, according to a dispatch to the *Daily Bulletin*.

From the Hague Reuter announces the death from blood-poisoning, of the novelist, Louis Couperus, author of "Old People and the Things that Pass"; "The Later Life"; and "Small Souls."

According to a Reuter message from Patna, it is understood that Sayid Hassam Imam, former Judge of the Calcutta High Court, has been invited to represent India at the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations.

At All Saints' Church, Hertford to-day, the marriage takes place of Mr. John Kidston Swire and Miss Juliet Barclay. In honour of the occasion, all the steamers and launchers in harbour of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, dressed ship to-day. Mr. Swire, who is a partner in the firm, was well-known here in the days before the war. In December 1914 he left here and joined the Essex Yeomanry with which he saw service throughout the war.

A dinner in honour of the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki was given at the Ching Tui Restaurant on Monday night. The hosts were the directors of the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals. Mr. Wong Ping-sun, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, presided, being supported by Mr. Yuen Pak-leung, Chairman of the Kwong Wah Hospital. After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the Chairman paid glowing tributes to the qualities of the guests of the evening who, he said, had been deservedly honoured by their appointment as representatives of the Chinese Community on the Legislative Council. Mr. Kotewall and Mr. Chau Siu-ki replied, thanking the Chairman for his good wishes.

"In the true man there is a child hidden; it waits to play." (Nietzsche.)

"A gentleman is a man who always tries to put in a little more than he takes out." (Branwell Shaw.)

LINCHENG OUTRAGE.

WHAT THE POWERS WILL DEMAND.

FOREIGN CAPTIVES' CLAIMS.

PEKING, July 17.—The Diplomatic Corps Committee has concluded its investigation into the Lincheng outrage. It is understood that it has decided to demand 8,500 silver dollars for each foreign captive, besides personal losses, also the dismissal of the Tuchun of Shantung and the lesser officials, and the organisation of railway guards under foreign officers.

(About 1,000 bandits derailed the express train from Fukow to Tientsin at Lincheng, Shantung, and carried off 300 passengers, including some foreigners. One foreigner was killed and two Chinese seriously wounded. Twenty-three Chinese and six foreigners escaped. All the captives were eventually released after the bandits had been promised their terms.)

SCRAPS OF WIT.

A COMMONPLACE BOOK.

A NOT UNORIGINAL IDEA.

(Specially Contributed.)

I have been interested to find that what I have been doing for 6 years, no less a person than Dean Inge has been doing for 40 years. He says:

"For nearly forty years I have kept a commonplace book, in which I have written down, in seven or eight languages, scraps of other people's wit and wisdom, sense and nonsense, which have come my way in the course of miscellaneous reading, or in conversation. This manuscript volume is the most amusing book in my library. It is a hotch-potch of all subjects, grave and gay, ranging from religion and philosophy, through politics, satire, and shrewd observations upon life, to comic insipits and schoolboy blunders."

It has occurred to the Dean that some morsels from this feast of reason and nonsense may interest his readers, and it is for this reason that I venture to submit a few selections from my commonplace book in the hope not merely that they may prove interesting, but that probably they may excite others either to keep such a book, or to give extracts from their own gleanings. It may not be an original pastime, but after all "What is originality? Undetected plagiarism." The

Dean's selection, in spite of the seven languages, is not formidable in its quality. It is just what one would expect. I give two before passing on to my own little patch.

"There has only been one Christian, and he died on the cross" (Nietzsche) and

Here lies Sir John Guiou;
Nobody laughs,
Nobody cries.
When he has gone
And how he fares,
Nobody knows,
Nobody cares."

Here are a few of my own "leaves of grass" unclassified and put down haphazard.

"It requires understanding to love one's friends." (De Batzac.)

"Most people live for love and admiration. But it is by love and admiration that we should live. If any love is shown us we should recognise that we are quite unworthy of it. Nobody is worthy to be loved. The fact that God to be loved shows us that in the divine order of ideal things it is written that Eternal love is to be given to, what is eternally unworthy. Or, if that phrase seems to be a bitter one to bear, let us say that every one is worthy of love, except he who thinks that he is. Love is a sacrament that should be taken kneeling, and Domine, non sum dignus should be on the lips and in the hearts of those who receive it." (Oscar Wilde.)

"A gentleman is such, simply because he has not the doctrine of getting on and the habit of it. For this reason a poor peasant and a true artist are gentlemen." (J. B. Yeats.)

"Some women are like salads. The impression they make depends entirely on the dressing." (Philander Johnson.)

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PUBLIC HEALTH.

With our public health laws openly declared obsolete, we always wait Sanitary Board meetings with some misgiving, never quite sure that we shall not hear something very unpleasant. Yesterday we were not disappointed, though it must be said at the outset that the fault this time lies not with the Public Health and Building Ordinance, but with our water supply. Ever vigilant, Dr. Koch had sought facts about typhoid—how many cases had there been this year and was it possible to trace the source of infection? The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. W. Pearse) went into details, which, boiled down in his own words, indicated that "we should have much less typhoid than we have got." After some adroit questioning, the Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer), naturally anxious for the Government's good name, established the fact that the epidemic was not due to any contamination of the water used in the Colony, otherwise our medical men would have expected the outbreak to have occurred with explosive force, to have involved many hundreds of persons and to have shown a very high incidence amongst the non-Chinese community, whereas the incidence on the non-Chinese has, however, not been greater than can be accounted for by the reaction of Chinese cases on non-Chinese. Unless Mr. Sayer was endeavouring to exonerate the Government completely, we think he would better have left well alone. Dr. Pearse had already stated very clearly that the infection was not caused by any contamination in the water, and labouring this point, Mr. Sayer only made the case against the Government the blacker. After remarking that the water here has "a high degree of initial purity," Dr. Pearse showed how it might become contaminated after delivery.

Chinese and Mexico.

Though it was very plainly hinted in the Summary Court yesterday that there were special pecuniary advantages in the shape of "squeezes" attached to the post, the job of the Consul for Mexico in Hongkong cannot have been altogether a bed of roses during the last year or two. The gentleman who held the post in 1921 found himself in a nasty tangle when his Government suddenly issued an order excluding Chinese several months before the treaty permitting Chinese immigration had expired. Under this order an exception was made in favour of Chinese previously resident in Mexico and on the strength of this local shipping companies engaged in the Pacific trade granted passages to Chinese who were able to furnish satisfactory proof of previous residence. Hundreds of these people were on the water when a new order was issued prohibiting the entry of all Chinese except consular and diplomatic representatives. Some of the shipping companies had to bring several hundred passengers back at their own expense and the Mexican Government got very unpopular indeed. Judging from the somewhat unique action heard before Mr. Justice Gomperz yesterday it is still unwise for a Chinese to come away from Mexico if he wants to go back there again.

Vaccination.

Regarding the vaccination campaign proposed by Dr. Pearse (the Medical Officer of Health) at yesterday's Sanitary Board meeting, it will not be out of place to mention a few facts which may not be known to the public, particularly the European section. No doubt, the campaign will mostly be among the Chinese lower classes, who have an entirely wrong conception of vaccination, its benefits and its necessity. This hostility is due directly to the lack of education and indirectly to the enthusiasm of some of the volunteers who carried out a campaign some years ago. Smallpox was rife that year and volunteers were called to help in the work of vaccinating as many people as possible. Most of the lower classes were, and still are, unwilling to be vaccinated as they consider it harmful and unnecessary. In the course of rounds, people in the streets were dragged to the stations posted at various places. Some of the volunteers even went to the extent of calling on big shops and godowns and rounding out workers who had not been vaccinated. As some of the volunteers were accompanied by district watchmen, an impression was created that the authorities had made vaccination imperative. People believed that they had to be vaccinated whether they wished to or not and considerable ill-feeling was engendered, some going to the extent of keeping indoors till the campaign was over. From the foregoing, it would seem desirable that educational propaganda should first be launched before the actual campaign commences. It should also be explained whether the people can exercise their own choice in the matter or not. That vaccination is effective and does no harm, to use Dr. Koch's words, should be brought home to every household.

To-day's Poem.

O well for him who lives at ease With garnered gold in wide domain, Nor heeds the plashing of the rain, The crashing down of forest trees.

O well for him who ne'er hath Known The travail of the hungry years, A father grey with grief and tears, A mother weeping all alone.

But well for him whose feet hath trod The weary road of toil and strife, Yet from the sorrow of his life Builds ladders to be nearer God.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Philatelists should be interested in the announcement made by our local stamp "merchants," Messrs. Grace & Co., of the consignment of Challenge stamp albums they have received.

A telegram to the *Daily Bulletin*, dated Peking July 16, states that the situation at Changsha is improving, and several Japanese residents are reported to be returning to their homes.

Invitations have been issued by Captain J. Riemenhausen on behalf of the owners, to inspect the "Sardou" on Monday August 6th, on the occasion of that vessel's first trip to the Far East.

Dr. W. W. Yen has returned to Peking from Peitaiho, and the Cabinet is trying to persuade him to become Chairman of the Financial Commission. It is not likely that he will consent before Wang Ko-nun's return to Peking, according to a telegram to the *Daily Bulletin*.

A message to the *Daily Bulletin*, dated Peking July 17 reads: It is reported that the Government has ordered that the preparatory bureau of the National Mint at Shanghai be converted into a permanent organ, and has appointed Chu Yen-chi superintendent of the Mint.

In the Marine Court this morning, before Commander Beckwith R.N., ten Chinese fishermen were fined \$10 each for infringing Harbour Regulations. They were charged with "carrying incandescent lights on their boats in such a position to confuse navigation between the Nine Pins and Tat Tong Channel" on July 17. Lance-Sergeant R. Keen proved the offences.

As will be seen from our advertisement columns the Harbour Authorities give notice that from the 23rd inst. two junks will be employed in taking soundings and borings in the Harbour on a line from Statue Pier to Holt's wharf. Indications are given whereby the junks can be distinguished either by night or day, and vessels are warned to give these junks a safe berth and to proceed at slow speed when passing.

The local *Tai Kwong Po* says that a number of leading Chinese residents have called on Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Colonial Secretary, who is said to have announced that in deference to the wishes of the Chinese community, the proposal to install water meters in the rider-main districts will be withdrawn. Mr. Fletcher is also quoted as saying that he agreed with the statements in the letter written by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on the subject.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL:

Sir Charles Eliot, H. B. M. Ambassador to Japan, who has been in England on leave, sailed for the East on July 9.

Mr. Yoshizawa, the newly appointed Japanese Minister to China, was expected to arrive in Peking on Tuesday evening, according to a dispatch to the *Daily Bulletin*.

From the Hague Reuter announces the death from blood-poisoning of the novelist, Louis Couperus, author of "Old People and the Things that Pass"; "The Later Life"; and "Small Souls."

According to a Reuter message from Patna, it is understood there that Sayid Hassam Imam, former Judge of the Calcutta High Court, has been invited to represent India at the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations.

At All Saints' Church, Hertford to-day, the marriage takes place of Mr. John Kidston Swire and Miss Juliet Barclay. In honour of the occasion, all the steamers and launches in harbour of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, dressed ship-to-day. Mr. Swire, who is a partner in the firm, was well-known here in the days before the war. In December 1914 he left here and joined the Essex Yeomanry with which he saw service throughout the war.

A dinner in honour of the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki was given at the Ching Tin Restaurant on Monday night. The hosts were the directors of the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals. Mr. Wong Ping-sun, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, presided, being supported by Mr. Yuen Pak-leung, Chairman of the Kwong Wah Hospital. After the usual loyal oaths had been honoured, the Chairman paid glowing tributes to the qualities of the guests of the evening who, he said, had been deservedly honoured by their appointment as representatives of the Chinese Community on the Legislative Council. Mr. Kotewall and Mr. Chau Siu-ki replied, thanking the Chairman for his good wishes.

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The Diplomatic Corps Committee has concluded its investigation into the Lincheng outrage. It is understood that it has decided to demand \$5,000 silver dollars for each foreign captive, besides personal losses, also the dismissal of the Tuchun of Shantung and the lesser officials, and the organisation of railway guards under foreign officers.

About 1,000 bandits derailed the express train from Pukow to Tientsin at Lincheng, Shantung, and carried off 300 passengers, including some foreigners. One foreigner was killed and two Chinese seriously wounded. Twenty-three Chinese and six foreigners escaped. All the captives were eventually released after the bandits had been promised their terms.

SCRAPS OF WIT.**A COMMONPLACE BOOK.****A NOT UNORIGINAL IDEA.****(Specially Contributed.)**

I have been interested to find what I have been doing for 6 years, no less a person than Dean Inge has been doing for 40 years. He says:

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It has occurred to the Dean that some morsels from this feast of mirth and merriment may interest his readers, and it is for this reason that I venture to submit a few selections from own commonplace book in the hope not merely that they may prove interesting, but that probably they may excite others either to keep such a book, or to give extracts from their own gleanings.

It may not be an original pastime, but after all "What is original? Undetected plagiarism." The Dean's selection, in spite of the seven languages, is not formidable in its quality. It is just what one would expect. I give two before passing on to my own little patch.

"There has only been one Christian, and he died on the cross" (Nietzsche) and,

"He lies Sir John Guise; Nobody laughs, Nobody cries. Where he has gone And how he fares, Nobody knows, Nobody cares."

Here are a few of my own "leaves of grass" unclassified and put down haphazard.

"It requires understanding to love one's friends." (DE BALZAC.)

"Most people live for love and admiration. But it is by love and admiration that we should live. If any love is shown us we should recognise that we are quite unworthy of it. Nobody is worthy to be loved. The fact that God loves man shows us that in the divine order of ideal things it is written that Eternal love is to be given to, what is eternally unworthy. Or, if that phrase seems to be a bitter one to bear, let us say that every one is worthy of love, except he who thinks that he is. Love is a sacrament that should be taken, kneeling, and Domine, non sum dignus should be on the lips and in the hearts of those who receive it." (OSCAR WILDE.)

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I would suggest that ladies unaccompanied by gentlemen should not be allowed in any Chinese theatre.

Yours, etc., READER.
Hongkong, July 17.

SECRET SOCIETY WORK?

A well-known local resident writes that he thinks the recent case may turn out to be one of private vengeance or of unsuccessful blackmailing. "In either case the hand of some Secret Society is employed. I know the police are doing their utmost to unearth Secret Societies but how often can a conviction be obtained!"

ONE FOR THE JOCKEYS.

(To the Editor of the *China Mail*.)

Sir.—I have read with interest the remarks of "Argus" under the headings of "A Plea for the Starter," and "The Local Turf," and consider that in the latter article especially he lays far too much emphasis on the "Youngsters" as he calls them (I presume he is here referring to experience in facing the starter) as being the cause of the bad starts. This appears to be yet another effort to take all the blame off the starter.

At the last Gymkhana there were only two races in which there were jockeys riding who had not ridden in at least a dozen or so Gymkhana, and the majority of the jockeys had ridden in many times more than a dozen. In the case of the "B" Class—the worst start of the day—with only one exception, every jockey in that race had previously faced the starter at least 25 times in Hongkong and yet "Mr. Argus" holds out these "Youngsters" are the cause of such bad starts. I contend that at the last Gymkhana, if we had had six of China's picked jockeys, in any race of six starters, the start would have been just as bad.

If the "Youngsters" referred to should on occasions interfere with a good start, then this can quite easily be remedied by the Stewards taking the matter in hand and making it a practice for a rider to get permission from the Stewards to ride in the races. This would give the Stewards an opportunity to consider whether the rider is sufficiently qualified to ride in a race or not, on the other hand the Stewards are quite capable of giving the rider in question a good ticking off.

I have a great measure of respect for our present starter, inasmuch that I always got a fair start with him, and he has given up his spare time so often to come down and help us along at several meetings, but it is only ridiculing the standard of Hongkong racing to put all the cause of bad start down to the jockeys, as a good starter is able to handle a field of beginners much easier than a field of our "Whilly" friends who come down from Shanghai "to beat us at the start."

The matter of a gate start has already been discussed and found impractical on such a small race course, and you will find that 99 per cent. of the owners and jockeys still favour the "Flag."

I consider the efforts of "Mr. Argus" might be more profitably used in connection with the improvement of the supervision of the Pari-mutuel."

Enclosing my card, with compliments,

Yours, etc., OWNER & JOCKEY.

Hongkong, July 17.
[The views expressed in yesterday's article "The Local Turf," were those of persons interviewed by Argus. The question of the pari-mutuel was dealt with in a leaderette in the *China Mail* of July 9.—Ed.]

PASSPORT CONFUSION.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—With reference to the remarks made by Mr. M. K. Lo at

THAT BAND RECITAL

LAST NIGHT AND NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT.

We are looking forward to Saturday's band recital and concert at the Volunteer Headquarters with a great amount of interest. Our appetite was whetted afresh by attending, uninvited and unannounced, the weekly recital, held last evening in the enclosure at the foot of Garden Road. We were very tired but these crumbs from the table of the Great White-clothed refreshed us not a little, despite the fact that we had to cling to those iron bars, shift from one foot to another (we weigh thirteen stone and a bit), as Barrie would say and so much bluberry avoided—ups on two feet for any length of time induces distress) and catch glimpses of the Great Ones (the band included) through the interices of the said iron bars. We are going to pluck up courage one of these days and write to the Commanding Officer suggesting that as there are a number of granite seats around a circular piece of masonry, inside the enclosure suggesting the work of the ancient Druids, we might, on some Tuesday evening, be allowed to repose our self-effacing presence on one of the seats.

We will waive the question of the dinar, which is a piece of self-abnegation proving our desire to listen to the music in comfort. Last night's performance drew the usual crowd. There was our friend Ho Deah Mei, No Tick Heah, Ah Gum, Lio On, and quite a few grimy ones who in passing from their honest occupations of scraping some part of a ship, stopped by the way and gathered these offerings of the gods. We stayed only to listen to three pieces, all of which seemed colourless, save that they gave opportunity for some delightful flute and piccolo playing on the part of one of the bands-men and revealed the fact that the conductor knows his business. We are looking forward to Saturday night if only for the fact that we shall be able to sit in comfort and drink it all in. We hope a few hundred others are doing the same.

FIRE DANGERS.

CARELESS GROCERS FINED.

Carelessness on the part of grocers in storing kerosene oil was alleged in Mr. C. Dr. Melbourne's court this morning when Detective Acting Sub-Inspector Lane prosecuted two shopkeepers of Shanghai Street, Yaumati.

The first one had an expired permit for forty gallons. Inspector Lane, on a visit, found that he had 24 gallons stored properly in the underground tank but 4 gallons in the shop, amongst firewood, candles &c. Defendant pleaded ignorance.

Mr. Melbourne, inflicting a fine of \$25 pointed out the danger of fire.

A second defendant admitted that he had his full quota of 40 gallons in his tank and 20 gallons outside, pleading that the latter had just been taken out for delivery to a client. Inspector Lane informed his Worship that the 20 gallons were stacked up in a rear room amongst firewood, charcoal and cooking-oil and did not have the appearance of having been just taken out. He added that all kerosene must be placed in an approved underground tank with an iron covering.

This defendant was fined \$50.

yesterday's Summary Court I would like to bring a few facts to your notice. I have been an exporter of goods to Chinese in America for over twenty years. Our business includes the receiving of remittances from our clients abroad for their families in the interior and in return we make arrangements for their clansmen and themselves to go or return to their foreign interests. There are a fair number of South and Central American Consuls in the Colony. Some of these employ compadres. They may not be known by this designation but one or two have put up signboards to this effect. Chinese who have dealings with them prefer to deal with the Consul direct as a middleman sometimes causes delay. There are other reasons as well, but I really think that if these were sifted they would be found to be groundless. The Chinese would also appreciate more official announcements by the Consul as misunderstandings which has led to endless trouble has been caused in recent years. There have been shiploads of Chinese emigrants who after several months have embarked on ships only to find on arrival that they are not allowed to land. Pronouncements as to conditions in the different countries would be very much appreciated and the Chinese would be the first to show their gratitude if a Consul went out of his way slightly to impart knowledge to applicants for passports.

Yours etc.,
SZE TO TUNG-SUN,
Wai Fat firm,
Queen's Road Central,
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CRIMINAL LESSONS.

A SHORT LIST.

MAKING A FORTUNE.

The Chief Justice (Sir William Ross Davies, K.C.) found an unusually short list confronting him when he took his seat at the July Criminal Sessions this morning. There were only four cases altogether, one of them concerned an unnatural offence with which an Indian and a Chinese were jointly charged.

Li Fo, who, as the result of a police raid on a coal coolies' boarding house, was found in possession of two revolvers, three daggers and 19 rounds of ammunition, was sentenced to two years jail.

Wan Shui, who admitted a charge of robbery and was stated to have been one of a gang that raided a matshed in a small village north of Tsingpu, was sentenced to five years jail. The Chief Justice, warning the prisoner to keep away from the Criminal Court in future, said that if it had been shown that arms were used he should have imposed the death sentence.

Electing to stand his trial, another Chinese was arraigned for the possession of a loaded revolver. Evidence adduced in support of the charge by Mr. Dyer Ball showed that the prisoner was arrested, as the result of information given to the police, on the road from Kowloon City to Sai Kung on the afternoon of June 10 with the weapon tucked into his waistband. The man who informed the police gave evidence to the effect that the prisoner and two other men proposed to "make a fortune by committing a highway robbery."

Inspector Clarke said that the informer had been employed by the police in one other case that he knew of.

"If you take my advice," said the Chief Justice to the informer severely after questioning him at some length, "you will try and get your living in another way."

In reply to the Chief Justice the prisoner said he knew it was illegal to carry a revolver without a licence but he was so poor that when he was asked to oblige by carrying the revolver in return for a reward he agreed to do so. He suggested that a fair decision would be that he and the informer should be bound together in chains and thrown into the harbour.

The Chief Justice? Yes, that might facilitate matters.

Without leaving the box the jury returned a verdict of "guilty." Sentencing the prisoner to two years' jail, His Honour said it was immaterial whether the other man gave him the revolver or not.

PEAK CHURCH.

ON the remaining Sundays in July and the Sundays in August there will be Evening Service at 6.30 at the Peak Church. The Preacher on July 22nd will be Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, and on the following Sundays the Rev. A. D. Stewart. All Seats are free.

EDITOR'S DEATH.

LOCAL CHINESE PAPER'S LOSS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Chan Dow-wuin, who has been Managing Editor of the local Wah Tze Yat Po for over thirty years.

Mr. Chan was fifty-six years of age. He had been suffering from partial paralysis for some four months and entered the French Hospital last week. Unfortunately, he made little progress and passed away yesterday.

His funeral takes place to-day, when the remains will be removed to the Tung Wah Hospital cemetery pending burial.

A native of the Sun Wui district, the late Mr. Chan was, with his father, among the early Cantonese students of English. His father, after being Chinese Consul to Cuba, was associated with Mr. Murry Bain, Senr., on the *China Mail* and the deceased gentleman was also accountant to the *China Mail* in his younger days. After his father had, with Mr. Murry Bain, established the Wah Tze Yat Po, Mr. Chan's interests were devoted entirely to the vernacular paper.

As a mark of appreciation of his services the Wah Tze Yat Po will not publish to-morrow.

FOOD PRICES.

EFFECTS OF THE WEST RIVER DISORDER.

Up to this morning, there has been no arrival from Wuchow since Monday although the s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheung" was expected last night.

Poultry stocks in the whole sale depots have shrunk further and the supply is very small. In crates, chickens were sold at 94 cents per lb.

The Pork Guild has decided that its members are not to compete for the small lots which get in so as not to make the price prohibitive. Lots will be drawn for and whole sale purchasing prices will be restricted to 20 taels per picul for lots over 1,000 head which is equivalent to about 27 cents per lb.; for lots under 500 the price will be 28 taels per picul which is about 29 cents per lb.

THE COLONY'S HEALTH.

During the 24 hours ending July 16 the figures of notifiable diseases reported are: plague 3 Chinese; small-pox 3 Chinese; enteric 1 Chinese; paratyphoid 1 British.

THE WEEKLY RETURNS.

The figures for the week ending July 14 (with deaths during period in parentheses) are: plague 3 (10); small-pox 15 (13); diphtheria 1; enteric 7 (8); meningitis 4 (5); pulmonary fever 1 (1); influenza (notifiable) 2. All patients are Chinese, except one British typhoid case and one Portuguese down with influenza.

Jumping off a moving tram at Eastern Street yesterday, a Chinese girl, fifteen years of age, received some serious injuries that she died shortly after being taken to hospital.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

TO OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

On enquiry at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's Agents for the Blue Funnel Line, a *China Mail* reporter was told that the s.s. "Rhexenor," which went ashore in the Inland Sea of Japan last Thursday, had safely reached Kobe. After going into dry-dock to undergo repairs, if any are needed, the vessel will resume her voyage.

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TYPHOID.
HONGKONG EPIDEMIC EXPLAINED.

WATER SUPPLY QUERY.

Important facts about the Colony's health were made public at the meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday. There were present: Mr. G. R. Syer (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Director of Public Works), Mr. A. E. Wood (Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Mr. S. W. Tsui, Dr. F. M. Ozorio, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. J. A. Fraser (Secretary to the Board).

The chief topics of discussion were the typhoid epidemic and the prevalence of small-pox. In reply to four questions asked by Dr. W. V. M. Koch, detailed statistics were given by Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health) of the number of typhoid cases this year as compared with other years.

Dr. Koch asked:

- (i.) How many cases of typhoid fever and of paratyphoid fever have been notified week by week during the present year, classified according to nationality?
- (ii.) How many of these cases have been imported and how many of local origin?
- (iii.) In the cases occurring locally has it been possible to trace the source of infection? If so, will he state such source?
- (iv.) Has there been an increase in the number of local cases compared with former years?

CASES TABULATED.

In reply to the first and second questions, the Medical Officer of Health said that the number of cases of typhoid which had occurred weekly this year was shown in a table which he had prepared. He had taken the period up to the 8th of July the first 27 weeks of this year. Amongst Chinese the weekly totals were as follows:—0, 0, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 0, 4, 5, 4, 6, 2, 13, 13, 10, 14, 5, 16, 5, 7. That gave a total of 124 cases amongst the Chinese, of which eight were imported, the remaining 116 being local cases. Under "British" he had included people of European, Colonial and American citizenship. The weekly totals were:—0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 4, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 2, 1, 1, 3, 2; making a total of 23 cases, of which four were imported, leaving 19 of local origin. Amongst the Portuguese there was one case in the fourth week, one in the 21st and one in the 25th week, making three cases in all, none of which was imported. Amongst the Japanese community there was one case in the fourth week, two in the 20th and two in the 22nd week, a total of five cases, all local. Amongst the Indian community there were 2 cases in the 11th week, one each in the 19th, 23rd, 25th and 26th weeks, and 2 in the 27th week, making 8 cases in all, of which four were imported. There was one Filipino case in the 22nd week. That gave a total of 164 cases, of which 148 were local and 16 imported. There were 32 non-Chinese local cases this year, as compared with 33 last year, and 8 imported cases, as against 3 last year.

SOURCE OF INFECTION.

Referring to Dr. Koch's third question, the Medical Officer of Health said:—

In no case has it been possible to trace the source of infection. The incubation period of the disease is usually two weeks. Under most favourable circumstances—for example, when a patient seeks the advice of a properly qualified medical man early in his illness—another week at least will probably elapse before the nature of the disease is manifested and a notification of the case is made to the Medical Officer of Health.

Infection is by ingestion, but there are many ways by which food and drink may be contaminated by the handling of food and food utensils, by carriers, by the agency of flies. It is only on the occurrence of many cases having a possible source of infection in common that attention is specially drawn to a possible common source,—for example, the water supply.

The Chairman: That point does not arise at the moment.

Dr. Koch said it seemed to him rather a pity that they had the Medical Officer of Health claiming

suggested that the public water supply has been the cause of the outbreak owing to contamination of the water at its source, or during distribution—that is to say, before its delivery to the public. If the water had been so contaminated I should have expected the outbreak to occur with explosive force, to have involved many hundreds of persons and to have shown a very high incidence amongst the non-Chinese community. The incidence on the non-Chinese has, however, not been greater than can be accounted for by the reaction of Chinese cases on non-Chinese.

No section of our population is independent from the Sanitary point of view of the Chinese. It is, however, amongst the Chinese, who do not as a rule drink unboiled water, that the increase in the incidence of the disease is marked. The Chinese, however, use unboiled water for washing food and food utensils and, hence, if the water in their houses be contaminated with disease producing bacteria, it is certain that they will be infected.

It is not necessary to assume that the water as delivered to the Chinese is capable of producing disease. There are ways by which such water may be contaminated after delivery. At present the water supply is intermittent, the people cannot obtain water directly from their taps when they need it. They draw water for a very short time each day and store it in receptacles which are very liable to contamination. They take pails, tins, cans, to street hydrants and draw water. Such portable vessels may well be liable to contamination in the yards and kitchens of Chinese houses.

Water is even obtained from nullahs and other sources of questionable purity, to supplement the scanty supply available from the public mains. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that there has been an increase in a water-borne disease. To what extent carriers of typhoid exist amongst us is not known, but they certainly exist and at a time when the disease, from whatever original cause, has increased, carriers will have increased also. A somewhat analogous outbreak of a water-borne disease occurred in the year 1905 when the Colony was short of water and the Chinese were restricted to a small daily intermittent supply. Water was then also collected and stored by the Chinese under insanitary conditions and an epidemic of cholera to the extent of nearly 600 cases occurred.

If for the term "source of infection" in Dr. Koch's question I substitute the term "principal factor in the spread of the disease," I may say with reason that it has not been the quality of the water as supplied by the Government which has been the probable cause of the typhoid epidemic, but the want of sufficient water to maintain a constant supply and the inevitable consequences of such a shortage.

COMPARISONS DRAWN.

With regard to the fourth question, the Medical Officer of Health said he had prepared a table showing the monthly incidence of typhoid and para-typhoid from 1913 to 1923. Taking the first six months of this year, he found there were 153 cases of typhoid and para-typhoid, of which 11 were para-typhoid and the remainder typhoid.

Comparing the figures with those of previous years he found that in 1922 there were, in April, 16 cases as against 24 this year. In May there were 14, as compared with 51; and in June 13, as compared with 52. The only previous year of the last ten and a half years during which there was any incidence which was at all comparable to that of this year was that of 1918, when in April there were 17 cases, in May 32 and in June 44.

This year, however, showed during the last three months a greater incidence of typhoid and para-typhoid since including 1913. Dr. Koch thanked the Medical Officer of Health for his very full and exhaustive statement, and added that it was very evident the Chinese were the great sufferers from the disease at the present time. This pointed rather strongly, as Dr. Pearce had said, to the question of the water supply. Had any effort been made to purify the water supply?

The Chairman: That point does not arise at the moment.

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that the method of water storage in the houses was responsible for the increase in the number of cases and that apparently nothing had been done to counteract this by giving warning to the Chinese.

The Chairman: Isn't it difficult to anticipate? As a matter of fact we are not the Water Board.

Dr. Koch: I think the Water Authority and the Sanitary Board ought to work hand in hand. We are so dependent on each other, we are not working in water-tight compartments.

The Chairman: The question which appears to arise out of the Medical Officer of Health's reply is, "Why can't we get more water?" and the answer is that we cannot control the rain. I would like to put one or two subsidiary questions to the Medical Officer of Health. I think Dr. Pearce stated that the figures showed no increase?

The Medical Officer of Health:

No appreciable increase. If we have an increase of infectious disease amongst the Chinese we are likely to get more carriers in motion and to see a slight increase among non-Chinese, but the slight increase has only been a factor recently. So far as this year is concerned I have shown that there is a decrease of one case, although from the 23rd to the 27th week of this year there was a slight increase.

RECEPTACLES POSSIBLE CAUSE.

The Chairman: As regards the Chinese, the increase this year over last year is I think, accounted for almost entirely by the large increase in the number of reports from the Hongkong mortuary?

The Medical Officer of Health: I have not the figures with me, but I know that quite an astonishing number of cases of typhoid fever has been reported by the Officer in charge of the public mortuary, and I have also remarked that out of those cases a large number are children.

The Chairman: Something like 95 per cent of the corpses admitted to the mortuary are those of the abandoned or destitute?

The Medical Officer of Health: I have not gone into the figures but I know that, for the five years I was in charge of the mortuary, nearly all the cases taken were either destitute or abandoned people.

The Chairman: The increase seems therefore to be entirely restricted to the very poor?

The Medical Officer of Health:

To a very large extent, certainly.

The Chairman: Would I be correct in saying that if the Government water supply was the cause there would be no distinction between rich and poor in regard to the incidence of the disease?

The Medical Officer of Health: If the Government water supply was contaminated either at its source or in distribution I would expect no discrimination of people or between localities. I should expect as much typhoid fever, according to population, at the Peak as at West Point or at East Point.

The Chairman: The conclusion I have come to is the same as yours!

The Medical Officer of Health: Yes, substantially the same.

The Chairman: I think you gave the total figures as 148 local cases. Would I be correct in saying that it is quite possible that a certain number of the 148 may be imported cases?

The Medical Officer of Health: They may be. It is extremely difficult to get any reliable data. The incubation period is so long that it may be four or five weeks after infection that a report from the mortuary is sent in.

The Chairman: There is a very large influx going on at present?

The Medical Officer of Health: Very large indeed. When I say that certain cases are imported I have very good reason for saying so, and when I say that others are imported it is because I have not sufficient information to go by.

The Chairman: Would you regard a total of 148 out of a population of 600,000 as a large number or small?

The Medical Officer of Health: Of course, that depends upon the sanitary condition of the Colony. Having regard to the fact that the water supply here is of a high degree of initial purity, I think 140 cases are somewhat higher than we ought to have. If we could maintain a constant supply of water and not have it collected in all sorts of receptacles and places I think we should have much less typhoid than we have got.

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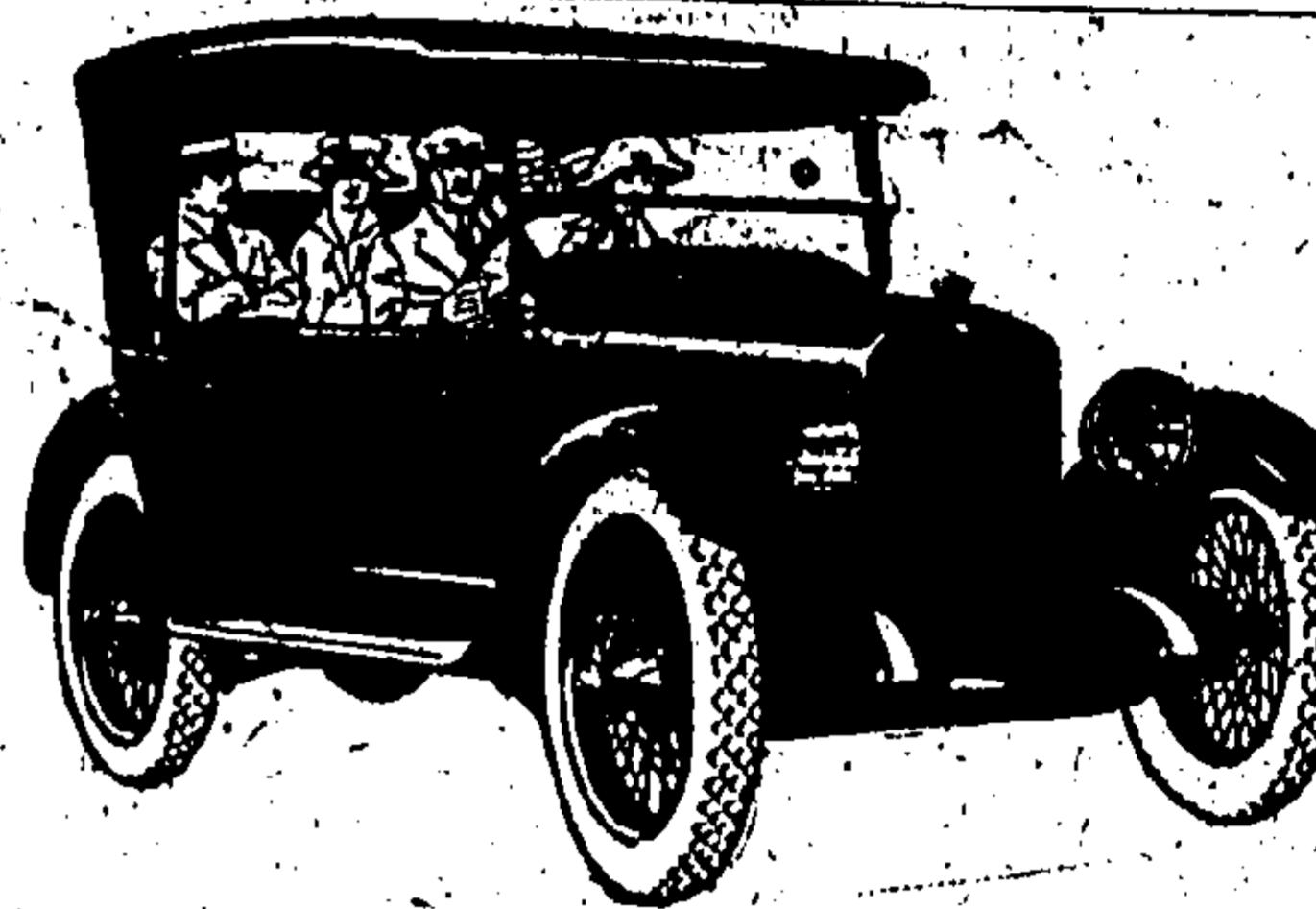
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TYPHOID.

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Replying to Dr. Koch, the Medical Officer of Health said he had for many years heard rumours of people leaving the Colony when there was disease about. They suddenly became ill, got frightened and ran away. In many cases the Sanitary Board took action to clear them out for a period of 48 hours whilst disinfection work was in progress.

Dr. Koch thought the discussion proved that the Department was not sufficiently staffed. They wanted a Medical Officer of Health who could devote his whole time to making enquiries into cases as soon as they were reported. The Medical Officer of Health was so overburdened with work that he could not possibly do more.

The Board then proceeded to the discussion of other business.

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As small-pox had lingered so long this year he felt that they might expect during cold weather to have a somewhat bad outbreak and it would be as well to prepare and order free vaccination. Although the Government Vaccination Ordinance did not compel the vaccination of infants during the hot weather, there was nothing in the Ordinance to prevent people being vaccinated. Medical practitioners could vaccinate in the hot weather if they liked and the public could go to the public vaccination stations and get vaccinated there. He thought it was highly desirable, even now during the hot weather, for people not vaccinated recently to take advantage of the public vaccination stations, or go to their medical attendants and be vaccinated.

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LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

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DEPARTURES.

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COMMERCIAL.

HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

Metals Market—Wire Nails Chequered Head, 330 usual assortment, are quoted by Chinese dealers at about \$10.00 per picul keg for sale ex godown, spot goods, English make. Importers are asking about the same price for indents but little business has resulted as there is no big demand.

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AMERICAN FLOUR.

A slight relapse has set in the local flour market this morning owing to one buyer, who bought fairly large amounts during the last week, reselling some of his holdings. A few agents for Canton and outport buyers ceased buying in consequence and prices receded on an average of three cents per 50 lb. sack. However, a firm tone seems to prevail and prices are expected to reach yesterday's level in a day or two.

SUGAR.

The lack of purchasers has brought about further drops in local quotations. Attention is concentrated on Java Rough Whites No. 24 as there are large stocks of both old and new crop. There is no standard quotation for either crop owing to the disparity in quality between different shipments. Chinese sugar merchants pay little attention to polarisation, being satisfied to work by taste, appearances and dryness. Lots which feel firm when in the hand; and appear dry and white, can fetch as much as 10 per cent more than other lots of the same grade of sugar which appear to be damp. Again, there is a difference between dealers' and importers' prices, the former always being lower especially in dull times.

RICE.

The inability of West River steamers to accept offerings for Wuchow has had the effect of putting the Hongkong rice market back about seven cents a picul during the last few days. Shipments are still being made for Canton in spite of the rumours being circulated.

MURDER CHARGE.

INDIAN GUARD BEING TRIED.

A charge of murder was preferred against an Indian guard named Ghulam Mohamed before Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday afternoon. Accused was alleged to have shot a Chinese carpenter at the Government quarry, Tsat Tsui Mui, on June 28.

Among the witnesses called was a coolie, who stated that he saw accused with his carbine pointed at deceased. Shortly afterwards he heard the report of a firearm and then saw deceased lying on the ground.

Indian guards gave evidence as to the nature of the instructions issued to accused. It was also stated that accused had complained to the No. 1 that deceased had used his spoon. Accused was alleged to have stated after the shot had been fired, that his carbine went off accidentally.

His Worship then adjourned the case till this afternoon.

PLEASANT SHOPPING.

LOCAL MUSIC STORE'S ENTERPRISE.

The alterations which have been made to the internal premises of Messrs. Moutrie & Co. make their store one of the biggest in the Colony, giving more floor space for the display of their own make of pianofortes, and for the others for which they are agents. The room which hitherto was used for storing records and running them off on the gramophone for the benefit of prospective buyers has been removed. Instead, two rooms have been made which will save the time of buyers, us, under the present arrangement, three or more customers can be attended to at the same time. The rooms are small, but of comfortable size, nicely furnished, and, in this hot weather, cool in the extreme. The dividing walls are of beaver-board and asbestos lined board, both of which lend themselves to artistic drawing. The alterations are undoubtedly an improvement and reflect great credit upon the management.

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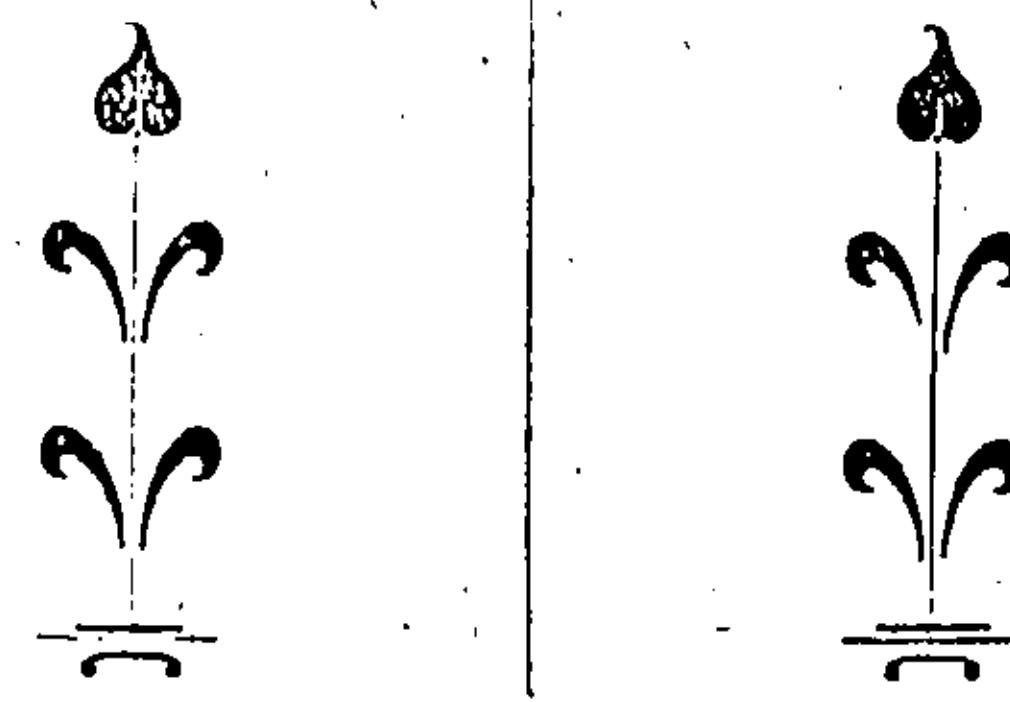


Charles A. Stoneham and Tom Foley.



Mrs. Lucy Webb Furigo and son Bobby.

The "Kandy Bay Revue," a musical comedy show backed by Loper B. Laidlaw, son of Edward James Laidlaw, multi-millionaire banker, went on the rocks in San Francisco while awaiting a booking. Young Laidlaw and his pretty wife, Betty Baird, leading lady of the company, called on a pawnbroker with \$50,000 worth of jewels that had been given her by a son of a Turkish Sultan. The "uncle" became suspicious and called the police, but when young Laidlaw was taken into a leading bank and greeted effusively by the president he was discharged with proper apologies.

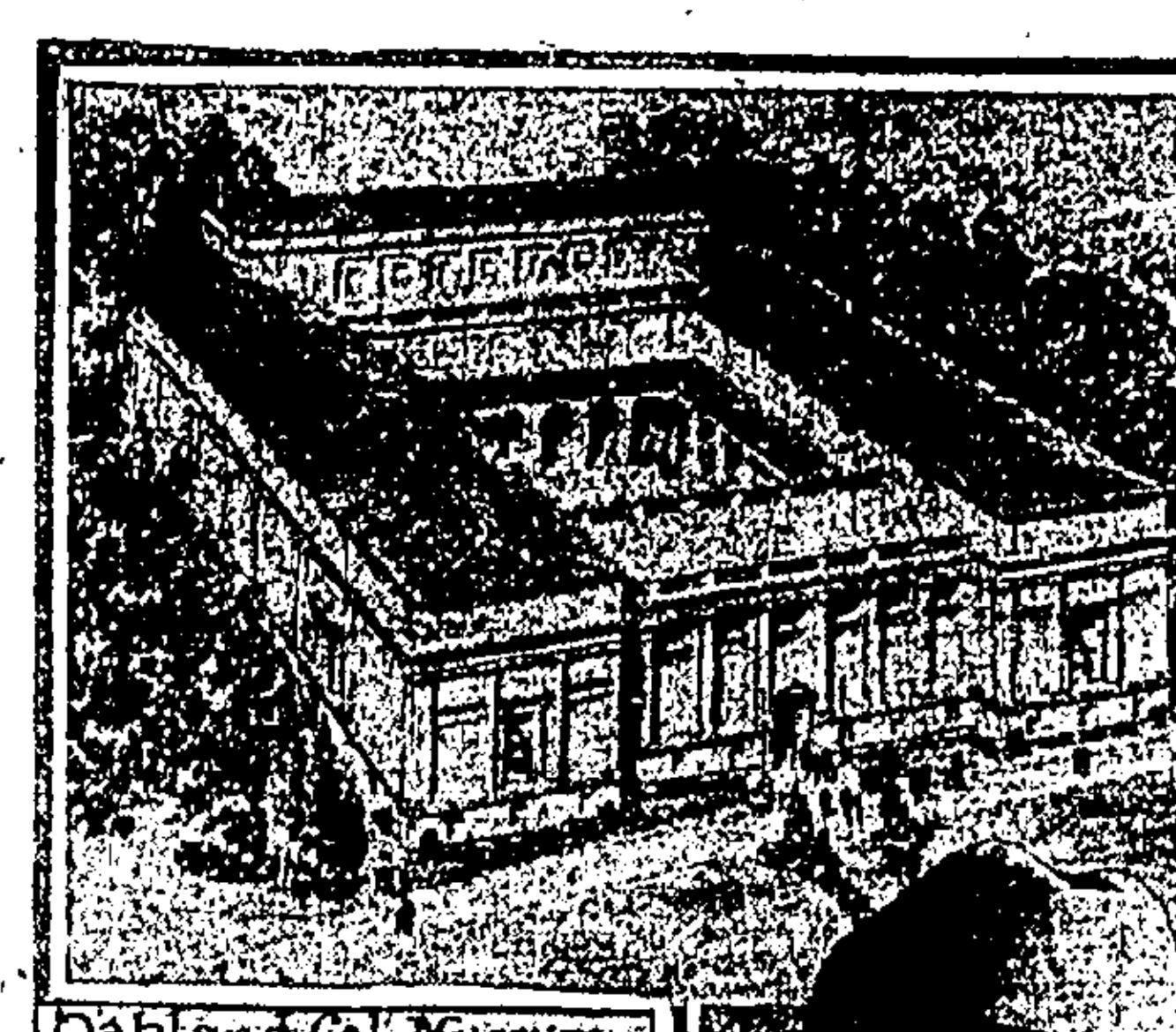


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Safety Week.

Instruction in safer pedestrianism was one of the features of the Safety Week campaign conducted by the New York Police Department. Officer James J. Byrnes, in the guise of "Aunty Jay Walker," is shown escorting a pedestrian across Fifth avenue.



Oakland Col. Museum.

The new Oakland Museum, soon to rise on the shores of Lake Merritt, will house the famous H. A. Sow Exhibit, largest and most complete ever brought out of the Dark Continent. Sow spent three years in wild Africa, "shooting" with gun and camera.



Miss Florence Johnson.

Miss Florence M. Johnson, winner of the highest honour in the nursing profession—the Florence Nightingale medal—is the new acting director of the New York County Chapter, American Red Cross, and is the first woman to hold this office. She had charge of the activities of more than 10,000 nurses with the Army and the Navy during the World War.



Mexicali, Mexico, was little more than a flame-swept mass of ruins two hours after a fire which started in a motion picture theatre there had driven the audience in terror to the street. Twenty lives were lost, and property damage was estimated at \$3,000,000. Mexicali is just over the border.



Sir Auckland Geddes.

Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, is confined to a darkened room at the Embassy, in Washington, with a serious affliction of the left eye which may result in the loss of his sight. He has been ordered to give his eyes a complete rest for several weeks.



James C. Ritter.

James C. Ritter, who four years ago was elected President of the Motion Picture Theatre Owners of America, is being hoisted for re-election.



Stanley Baldwin and Austen Chamberlain.

Here is the latest photograph of Stanley Baldwin, formerly Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has been appointed Premier by King George. Mr. Baldwin has asked Austen Chamberlain to re-enter the Cabinet.



King George and Paul F. Skewes.

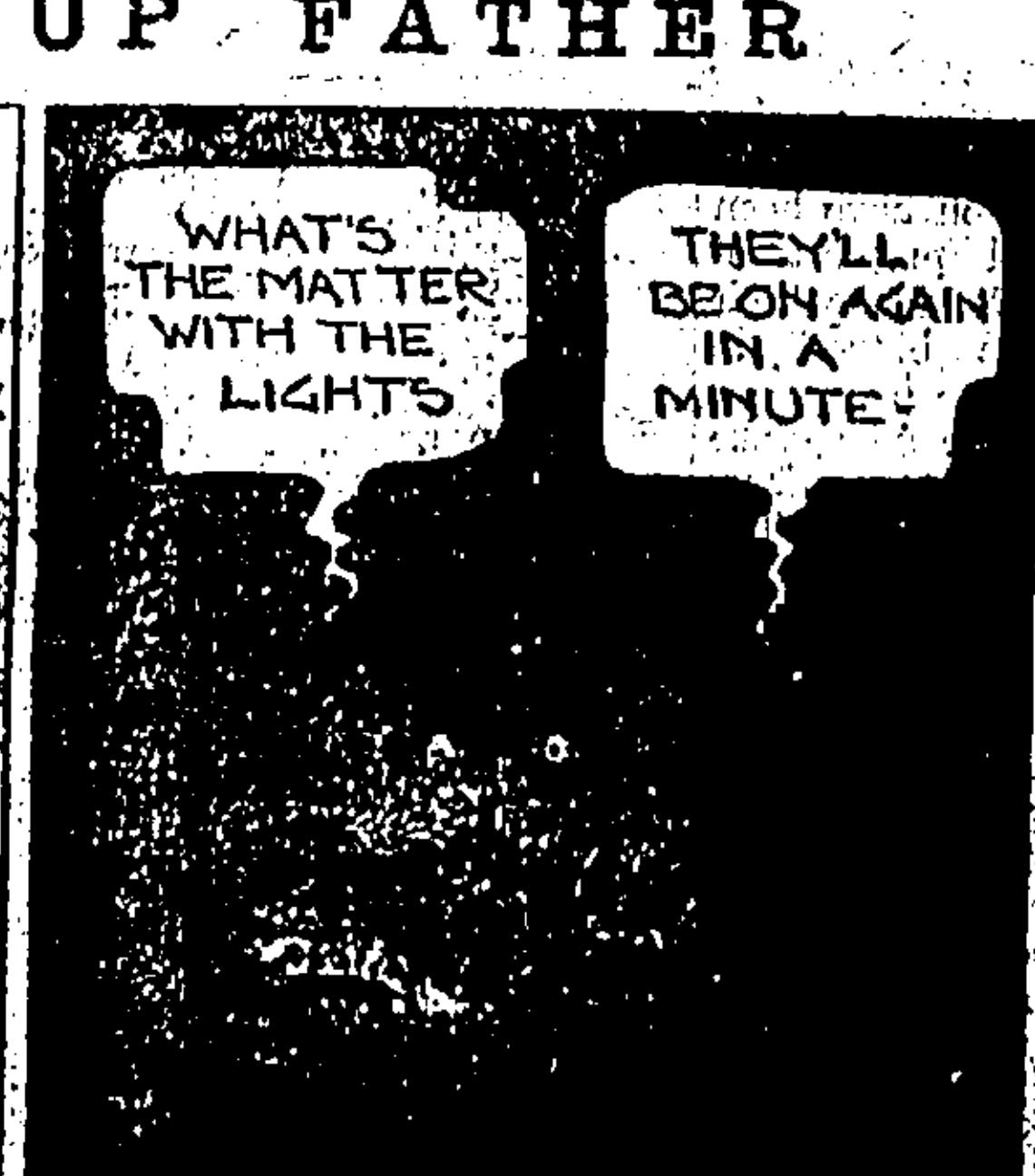
Sightseeing in Athens with some of his shipmates, First Class Radioman Paul F. Skewes rounded a corner on the palace grounds and came face to face with King George of Greece. The King being young and democratic and having been a sailor also, greeted the sailor and told him how much he appreciated the assistance rendered Greece by the men of the Navy during the great conflagration at Smyrna.

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MONDAY, JULY 23.

Rakuyo Maru 11 a.m.

Japan, Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, I. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSHALLLES—due

Marselles 28th August. Parcels 24th August. Registration 1.40 p.m. Letters 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 24.

Letters 2.30 p.m. Helenus

Shanghai Japan and VICTORIA B.C.—due VICTORIA B.C.

Victoria 21st Aug. Parcels 27th 5 p.m.

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Wednesday, JULY 25.

Letters 2.30 p.m. Portobello

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, I. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, Egypt and

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Saturday, JULY 28.

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TUESDAY, JULY 31.

Fushimi Maru 11 a.m.

Shanghai and Japan Fushimi Maru

*Correspondence being posted same day.

WEATHER REPORT.

July 17th 10h 50m—Warning to
Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Depression or typhoon of unknown
intensity with 120 miles of Lat.
13 N. Long. 147° E. moving N.

July 18th 12h 57m—Pressure has increased considerably over the
Lobocdo, moderately over S.W.
Japan, Formosa and Indo-China and
slightly over Kwangtung and Luzon. It has decreased slightly
over the Visayas.

Both typhoons have filled up.
Another may be forming to the
east of the Visayas.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 in.
Total since January 1st, 30.48 inches
against an average of 48.13 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on July 19, 1923.

1—Formosa Channel. S.E. winds,
moderate; fair.

2—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lantau. S.E. winds,
moderate; fair.

3—Hongkong to Gap Rock. S.E.
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